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REMARKS TC 1700

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-12.

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-22 were pending. Claims 13-22 were rejected in the present Office Action. In order to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicants have cancelled claims 13-22 without prejudice. Applicants intend to file a continuation application to continue prosecution of the cancelled claims.

Since all remaining claims (namely claims 1-12) have been allowed, Applicants respectfully request that this case be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in the Application to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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